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<b>SERIAL NO: 10/849,290</b>	<b>EXAMINER:</b>
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<b>FOR: Multi-lift for lifting and Storing</b>	<b>Date: Sept. 8, 2004</b>
<b>of Motorcycles and other Vehicles</b>	<b>DN: 7404</b>

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**NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Informal application dated August 19, 2004.

Initially, the document asks for proof of authority of legal representation under 37 C.F.R. 1.44. As can be seen from the enclosed computer printout, proof of the authority of legal representative, under 1.44, has been deleted from the Rules, as of September 8, 2000. Hence, Applicant does not know, at this time, what further needs to be done with respect to the Declaration signed by the Executor of the estate.

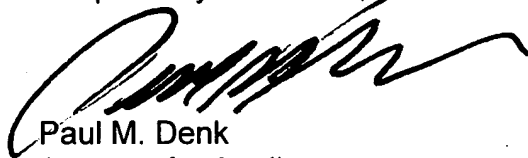
The Declaration as previously filed, identified the inventor as a U.S. citizen, at the time of his death. The document was signed by his wife, whose is the Executor of the estate. The residence is clearly set forth as 13740 Cyril James Road, Benton, Illinois 62812.

Hence, in view of the foregoing, and in view of the deletion of rule 37 C.F.R. 1.44, Applicant does not know what more needs to be done to establish this application as a formal application, rather than as identified by the Patent Office.

Can someone please look into this matter, and either accept the Declaration as filed, or let us know specifically, under current rules, what further needs to be done to complete this application, since a review of the rules does not provide any further information.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION

This application is considered to be informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. The period within to correct the informalities noted below and avoid abandonment is set in the accompanying Office action.

**Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:**

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

- A new oath or declaration, identifying this application number is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 in that it:
- does not identify the residence (e.g., city and either state or foreign country) of each inventor.
- does not identify the citizenship of each inventor.
- Proof of authority of the legal representative under 37 CFR 1.44.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

# A Brief Summary of Some Significant Rule Changes

\*Unless otherwise specified in the rule, the effective date for the **PBG-FINAL RULE** is November 7, 2000.

## **Amendment Practice (37 CFR 1.121)-**

- Specification/Claims
  - Amendment by paragraph replacement or rewritten claim in clean form
  - Marked-up version showing changes must be supplied

See § 1.121 Slides on **PBG-FINAL RULE** Webpage for suggested amendment **FORMAT** (Optional now; mandatory March 1, 2001)

## **Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.27) - FORMS NO LONGER REQUIRED (Eff. Sept. 8, 2000):**

- Mere written assertion (e.g., use check box on Application Transmittal Forms) is acceptable

## **Abstract and Title Length (37 CFR 1.72)**

- Abstract now limited to 150 words (PBG)
- Title now limited to 500 characters (AIPA)

## **Application Data Sheet (ADS) (37 CFR 1.76) NEW**

- • • • • Use of ADS encouraged for more accurate capture of bibliographic data. Data in ADS not needed in declaration.

## **After Allowance Practice (37 CFR 1.85(c) and 1.136)**

- No extensions of time permitted to file corrected or formal drawings

## **Elimination of Issue Fee Preauthorizations (37 CFR 1.311)**

- Preauthorizations prior to Notice of Allowance no longer permitted

## **Rocket Docket Established for Designs (37 CFR 1.155)**

- Extra submissions plus \$900 fee is required

## **Proof of Authority of Legal Representative (37 CFR 1.44) THIS RULE HAS BEEN DELETED. (Eff. Sept. 8, 2000):**

- Oath/Dec. (§1.63) should identify legal rep for deceased/incapacitated inventor

## **Parts of Applications on CD-R or CD-ROM (37 CFR 1.52 (e), 1.58, 1.96 & 1.821)**

- Large tables, computer program listings, and bio-sequences now allowed on CD

# Patent Business Goals Final Rule

65 Fed. Reg. 54604 (September 8, 2000)

1238 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 77 (September 19, 2000)



**USPTO's PBG-FINAL RULE webpage has helpful related information at one location:**  
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/pbg/index.html>

**This site includes:**  
**a Listing of Affected Rules,**  
**Training & Implementation**  
**Materials including Training**  
**Slides, Q & A's, Summaries,**  
**Effective Date Chart, Forms**  
**Changed by Recent Rules, etc.**

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Amendment Practice Changes

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Changes

# PBG - FINAL RULE:

## Affected Rules

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### RULES AMENDED

The final rulemaking includes changes to the following sections of 37 CFR:

1.4, 1.6, 1.9, 1.12, 1.14, 1.17, 1.19, 1.22, 1.25, 1.26, 1.27, 1.28, 1.33, 1.34, 1.36, 1.41, 1.47, 1.48, 1.51, 1.52, 1.53, 1.55, 1.56, 1.58, 1.59, 1.63, 1.64, 1.67, 1.72, 1.77, 1.78, 1.84, 1.85, 1.91, 1.96, 1.97, 1.98, 1.102, 1.104, 1.111, 1.112, 1.115, 1.121, 1.125, 1.131, 1.132, 1.133, 1.136, 1.137, 1.138, 1.152, 1.154, 1.155, 1.163, 1.173, 1.176, 1.177, 1.178, 1.181, 1.193, 1.303, 1.311, 1.314, 1.322, 1.323, 1.324, 1.366, 1.446, 1.497, 1.510, 1.530, 1.550, 1.565, 1.666, 1.720, 1.730, 1.740, 1.741, 1.780, 1.821, 1.823, 1.824, 1.825, 3.27, 3.71, 3.73, 3.81, 5.1, 5.2, 5.12, and 10.23.

### RULES DELETED AND ADDED

- Sections of 37 CFR that are deleted: §§ 1.44 and 1.174,
- Sections of 37 CFR that are added: §§ 1.76, 1.105, and 1.115.

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